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We tried to talk through the situation from all sides. One item that could be a consideration is what

a reasonable change to the calendar/bell schedule would be. Historically we have seen districts shorten the lunch hour by a few minutes, change the start time by one or two minutes earlier, or change the end time by one or two minutes. The district would need to consider the teacher contracts – would these additional minutes impact the contractual terms. Additionally start and end time changes could impact bus schedules. We would work with the district to determine what would be reasonable or not. Clearly one change could be adding in extra days later in what is scheduled to be “summer” months. We have never recommended/required such changes.

We discussed refining our processes, documenting the reasonable changes and confirming the closings were a local board decision because of health, safety, welfare. This will be edits to the language in our waiver letter moving forward.

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Thank you! This is helpful. Were there any other areas that popped up that you all think the district needs to pay attention too? Or others areas that came up that CDE needs to be involved in? Did the AG's office think of anything else?

Thanks!

Katy Anthes, Ph.D.
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From: Okes, Jennifer

Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 9:48 AM

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Katy, below is a quick summary in the interest of time.

1 Instructional time: Consistent with our treatment of other districts who experience “closings deemed by the board to be necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of pupils”, we can work with districts to confirm how much under the instructional hour requirements the district is and then ask the district to determine if there are reasonable adjustments they can make to their calendar/bell schedule to come into compliance with the required hours. If that is not possible (which could be the case this late in the school year), the district can request a waiver. This is done by submitting a letter to the Commissioner or designee (which is currently me). We would then respond with an approved waiver to the district.

2 Impact of funding? There is no impact on funding. The funding requirements are based upon the number of scheduled hours in the first half of the school year.

3 Graduating seniors: The graduation requirements is a local board decision and therefore there is no impact which would involve CDE.

Let me know if you do what a more formal response that you can send to them.

Thanks!

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Hi Team,

When did you land on meeting about this?

Pueblo is getting anxious to hear from us. I talked to them today—and said we are working on it—but I just want to know when we will be able to get back to them.

Thanks and sorry for the rush!

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Folks, to maximize our responsiveness to you on this issue, I've asked Joe to get up to speed. We've walked through a few of the likely questions and he's available at whatever time is best for you all. If it works for me to be on the phone, I'd like to be. But my aging folks are flying in and I've scheduled tomorrow as a vacation day. I promised to schlep them a few places, and I don't want my schedule to limit anyone's progress on this.

But please do keep me looped in. I'm happy to help.

From: Julie Tolleson
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The afternoon would be a struggle for me, so here's a vote for the morning.

From: Lanoha, Kady <Lanoha_K@cde.state.co.us>
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Hi,

Either 8:30-10 or 2:30 on Thursday work for me too. (If it's Thursday afternoon, I may just not be able to stay for the whole meeting, depending on how long we go.)

-Kady

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I can make it work. The earlier time is better! My folks are in town but they are low maintenance. :-). I don't really want to delegate this issue.

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From: Smith, Dana
Sent: 5/1/18, 4:54 PM
To: Okes, Jennifer, Penn, Jhon, Lanoha, Kady, Julie Tolleson
Cc: Macklin, Stacey, Anthes, Katy
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Hi guys – I'd like to join you if I can, but if it doesn't work out I'll catch up with one of you later. We'll be getting calls on this!

Thanks!

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From: Okes, Jennifer

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With the assumption that Jhon can move things around on his calendar, but not knowing if Kady has the same flexibility, it looks like the best time for us would be 2:30 on Thursday. Do either times work for you, Julie?

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Kady, Julie, and Jennifer,

I am in the office tomorrow, I can join by cell phone.

I seems that the last teacher strike occurred in 1994 under Commissioner William T. Randall. This was before my time and I do not have memos from that time period. Julie, I suspect that Commissioner Randall would have contacted the A.G.'s office during that time if your office has records going that far back. I will look through old files that I have to see what historical records I can find that pertain to this topic.

Jhon

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Hi Jhon, Kady, and Julie,

Can you guys get together and talk about possible implications for a Pueblo strike? We think it will happen on May 7th. I have never been involved in a strike and Pueblos is calling me about it and what role we have in it. On:

- 1 Instructional time (do we enforce this?)
- 2 Impact of funding?
- 3 graduating seniors

The labor department is not going to intervene—so now Pueblo will need to figure out how to deal with it and they are looking for some guidance.

What are our obligations here? And/or what advice can we give the Supt?

Thanks!

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